

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
DRAFT COMMITTEE REPORT**

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

TO: All Councilmembers

FROM: Chairman Phil Mendelson
Committee of the Whole

DATE: June 4, 2019

SUBJECT: Report on PR 23-201, the “Citizen Review Panel Emily Smith Goering Reappointment Resolution of 2019”

The Committee of the Whole, to which PR 23-201, the “Citizen Review Panel Emily Smith Goering Reappointment Resolution of 2019” was referred, reports favorably thereon, and recommends approval by the Council.

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I. BACKGROUND AND NEED

On March 22, 2019, PR 23-201, the “Citizen Review Panel Emily Smith Goering Reappointment Resolution of 2019” was introduced by Chairman Mendelson. The purpose of PR 23-201 is to reappoint Dr. Goering as a member of the Citizen Review Panel for a three-year term to end on April 11, 2022.

Dr. Goering is a Ward 7 resident. Dr. Goering received her Bachelor of Science in social work from Bethel College, a Master of Social Work from the University of Texas, School of Social Work, and Doctor of Social Work from the University of Maryland, School of Social Work. Currently, Dr. Goering serves as an implementation specialist for the National Adoption Competency Mental Health Training Initiative. In this role, Dr. Goering provides support to states, tribes, and child welfare organizations to help them effectively support children, youth, and their foster, adoptive, and guardianship families. Dr. Goering’s research includes child welfare

workforce issues, organizational culture and climate in child welfare systems, and foster care reentry. In addition, she is a member of the Society for Social Work Researchers and is the Board Treasurer for the Mennonite Central Committee-East Coast.

In 2004, the Council approved the Child in Need of Protection Amendment Act (2004 Act).¹ The purpose of the 2004 Act was to reform the District’s child protection law. More importantly, the goal of the Council was to create a seamless and effective system for responding to any type of child mistreatment, whether child abandonment, abuse, or neglect.² An outcome of the 2004 Act was to codify the establishment of the Citizen Review Panel (Panel). The Panel serves as an independent oversight body for the District’s child welfare system, to evaluate the District government agencies involved in child protection as well as services provided by vendors.³

Prior to the 2004 Act, the Panel was created administratively because Congress mandated that states and other jurisdictions establish such Panels by July 1999 pursuant to the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA).⁴ The requirement to establish a Panel was necessary to continue to receive CAPTA funds.⁵ As required by CAPTA, the Panel evaluates the District’s child protection standards pursuant to a state plan required by the federal government and pursuant to child protection standards set by federal law.

Table 1: Membership of the Citizen Review Panel

Resolution #	Position	Appointee	Appointing Authority	Term Expiration
PR 23-201	Member	Dr. Emily Smith Goering	Proposed Council Appointee	April 11, 2022
PR 23-202	Member	Emily M. Bloomfield	Proposed Council Appointee	April 11, 2020
PR 23-203	Vice Chair	Shana N. Bartley	Proposed Council Designee	April 11, 2021
PR 23-204	Member	Marie K. Cohen	Proposed Council Appointee	April 11, 2022
R.22-500	Member	Patrick M. Foley	Council	April 11, 2021
R.22-502	Member	Dr. Sarah Schooler	Council	April 11, 2020
R.22-503	Member	Elizabeth Corson Mohler	Council	April 11, 2020
	Chair	Vacant	Mayor	September 24, 2021
	Member	Katrina Foster	Mayor	September 24, 2021
	Member	Maura Gaswirth	Mayor	September 24, 2021
	Member	Katrina Floyd	Mayor	September 24, 2021
	Member	Megan Conway	Mayor	September 24, 2021
	Member	Joy Graham	Mayor	September 24, 2021
	Member	Sherrill Taylor	Mayor	September 24, 2021
	Member	Richard Bardach	Mayor	September 24, 2021

The Panel consists of 15 members, all of whom must be District residents.⁶ The Mayor is required to appoint eight members of the Panel and must designate the Chairperson. The Council shall appoint seven members to the Panel and is required to designate the Vice Chairperson.⁷

¹ (D.C. Law 15-341; D.C. Official Code § 4-1301.01 *et seq.*).

² Bill 15-389, Child in Need of Protection Amendment Act of 2003, Report of the Committee on Judiciary, 1 (November 17, 2004).

³ See D.C. Official Code § 4-1303.51.

⁴ *Supra* note 2 at 55.

⁵ *Id.*

⁶ See D.C. Official Code § 4-1303.52.

⁷ *Id.*

Further, the Panel is required to be broadly representative of the community and must include members who have expertise in the prevention and treatment of child abuse and neglect.⁸ In addition, the appointees to the Panel should have a diversity of professional backgrounds and must be familiar with the child welfare system.⁹

Dr. Goering was first appointed as a member and Vice Chairperson of the Panel in 2016.¹⁰ Since first being appointed Dr. Goering has been involved with the Panel's In-Home Services Work Group. The Work Group evaluates the quality of services provided to some of the highest risk families served by the Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA).¹¹ Dr. Goering believes that building the capacity of the Panel is essential to provide the proper oversight and accountability to properly monitor the quality of services provided to CFSA clients.¹² She testified at the May 23rd roundtable that she wants to serve a new term as a member of the Panel, but not as Vice Chairperson.

The Committee believes that Dr. Goering, as a foster parent and an experienced social worker, will continue to bring a unique perspective to the Panel. She can draw on her own experiences to help the Panel conduct its oversight responsibilities to ensure that CFSA better serves children who have been subject to abuse or neglect. The Committee also supports Dr. Goering's ongoing efforts to ensure that the CFSA is not just offering services to a multitude of families, but the services that are provided are of high-quality and will help families get the support they need to exit the CFSA system. For all of these reasons, the Committee recommends adoption of PR 23-201.

II. LEGISLATIVE CHRONOLOGY

March 22, 2019	PR 23-201, the "Citizen Review Panel Emily Smith Goering Reappointment Resolution of 2019" is introduced by Chairman Mendelson.
March 29, 2019	Notice of Intent to Act on PR 23-201 is published in the <i>District of Columbia Register</i> .
April 2, 2019	PR 23-201 is "read" at a Legislative Meeting and the referral to the Committee of the Whole is official.
May 10, 2019	Notice of a Public Roundtable on PR 23-201 is published in the <i>District of Columbia Register</i> .
May 23, 2019	The Committee of the Whole holds a Public Roundtable on PR 23-201.
June 4, 2019	The Committee of the Whole marks-up PR 23-201.

⁸ *Id.*

⁹ *Id.*

¹⁰ See Citizen Review Panel Emily Smith Goering Appointment Resolution of 2016, effective March 25, 2016 (Res. 21-385; 63 DCR 4331).

¹¹ See Dr. Emily Smith Goering, Written Responses to the Committee of the Whole's Pre-Roundtable Questionnaire, 2, May 22, 2019. (Attached to the Report).

¹² *Id.*

III. POSITION OF THE EXECUTIVE

Dr. Goering is a Council appointee to the Panel. The Executive provided no comment on Dr. Goering's reappointment.

IV. COMMENTS OF ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSIONS

The Committee received no testimony or comments from any Advisory Neighborhood Commission on PR 23-201.

V. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY

The Committee of the Whole held a public roundtable on PR 23-201 (and 2 other nominations to the Citizen Review Panel) on Thursday, May 23, 2019. The testimony summarized below is from that roundtable.

Emily Smith Goering, Appointee, testified and answered questions from Chairman Mendelson regarding her background and experience as it pertains to the Citizen Review Panel and her interest in serving another term on the Panel.

The Committee received no testimony or comments in opposition to Dr. Goering's reappointment.

VI. IMPACT ON EXISTING LAW

Members of the Citizen Review Panel are appointed pursuant to section 351 of the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect Act of 1977, effective April 12, 2005 (D.C. Law 15-341; D.C. Official Code § 4-1303.51), which establishes the Panel.

VII. FISCAL IMPACT

PR 23-201 will have no fiscal impact on the District of Columbia budget or financial plan. Members of the Citizen Review Panel are not entitled to compensation.

VIII. SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS

Section 1 States the short title of PR 23-201.

Section 2 Confirms the reappointment of Dr. Emily Smith Goering as a member of the Citizen Review Panel to serve for a three-year term to end on April 11, 2022.

- Section 3 Requires that a copy of the resolution, upon adoption, be transmitted to the appointee, the chairperson of the Panel, and to the Mayor.
- Section 4 Provides that PR 23-201 shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

IX. COMMITTEE ACTION

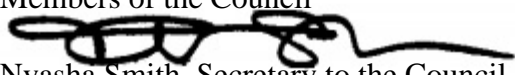
X. ATTACHMENTS

1. PR 23-201 as introduced.
2. Nominee's response to Committee questions.
3. Legal sufficiency determination.
4. Committee Print for PR 23-201.

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington D.C. 20004

Memorandum

To : Members of the Council

From : 
Nyasha Smith, Secretary to the Council

Date : March 26, 2019

Subject : Referral of Proposed Legislation

Notice is given that the attached proposed legislation was introduced in the Office of the Secretary on Friday, March 22, 2019. Copies are available in Room 10, the Legislative Services Division.

TITLE: "Citizen Review Panel Emily Smith Goering Reappointment Resolution of 2019", PR23-0201

INTRODUCED BY: Chairman Mendelson

The Chairman is referring this legislation to the Committee of the Whole.

Attachment

cc: General Counsel
Budget Director
Legislative Services


Chairman Phil Mendelson

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7 A PROPOSED RESOLUTION
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10 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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14 To reappoint Ms. Emily Smith Goering to the Citizen Review Panel.

15 RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
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17 resolution may be cited as the “Citizen Review Panel Emily Smith Goering Reappointment
18 Resolution of 2019”.

19 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia reappoints:

20 Emily Smith Goering
21 518 Oklahoma Avenue, N.E.
22 Washington, DC 20002
23 (Ward 7)
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25 as a member of the Citizen Review Panel, established by section 351 of the Prevention of Child
26 Abuse and Neglect Act of 1977, effective April 12, 2005 (D.C. Law 15-341; D.C. Official Code
27 § 4-1303.51), for a term to end April 11, 2022.

28 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia shall transmit a copy of this resolution,
29 upon its adoption, to the appointee, the chairperson of the Panel, and to the Office of the Mayor.

30 Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in
31 the District of Columbia Register.

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Emily Smith Goering, LMSW

518 Oklahoma Ave, N.E.
Washington, D.C., 20002

Telephone: (316) 288-9662
E-mail: egoering@ssw.umaryland.edu

EDUCATION

Expected 2017

Ph.D. Student

University of Maryland, School of Social Work
Baltimore, MD
Doctoral Student

2011

M.S.S.W

The University of Texas, School of Social Work
Austin, TX
Concentrations: Leadership, Non-Profit Management,
Social Entrepreneurship

2005

B.S.

Bethel College
North Newton, KS
Major: Social Work, Certificate in Mediation and Conflict Resolution

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Fall 2010

TEACHING ASSISTANT for Dr. Dnika Travis

The University of Texas, School of Social Work
Austin, TX
Courses: Dynamics of Organizations and Communities

Spring 2011

TEACHING ASSISTANT for Dr. Dnika Travis

The University of Texas, School of Social Work
Austin, TX
Courses: Leadership in Human Services

2007-2009

TRAINER

Children and Family Services, State of Kansas
Kansas City, KS
Courses: Kansas City Metro Region Children and Family Services
Child Welfare training, including topics: intake and assessment and
decision support software system

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1/2013-8/2013

MANAGER

LIVESTRONG Foundation
Austin, TX

Manager of cancer navigation program expansion team; a newly developed initiative to expand cancer navigation services outside of LIVESTRONG HQ. Managed the staff and day-to-day operations of remote worksites. Planned, implemented, and determined feasibility of new sites for the navigation program.

1/2011-1/2013

PROGRAM SPECIALIST/CONSULTANT

LIVESTRONG Foundation
Austin, TX

Designed and implemented quality assurance plan for the department providing national direct cancer support services to over 15,000 people annually. Developed standards of use of Customer Relationship Management (CRM) system and design quality assurance measures for CRM use by staff. Refined and created operational tools and processes to improve efficiency for newly opened LIVESTRONG Cancer Navigation Center. Provided direct services to people affected by cancer through LIVESTRONG's national navigation program

8/2009-7/2010

GRADUATE ASSISTANT

The University of Texas, Division of Diversity and Community Engagement, Academic Service Learning
Austin, TX

Worked to build awareness of service learning among students and faculty of the university. Consulted with UT faculty working to develop courses using service-learning pedagogy. Coordinated annual President's Reception, an event with approximately 150 invitees, hosted by UT President Bill Powers, honoring faculty currently involved in service-learning initiatives

10/2006-4/2009

PROGRAM CONSULTANT

State of Kansas, Division of Children and Family Services
Kansas City Metro Region

Researched, collected, and analyzed multiple program statistics to determine outcome measures and prepare formal reports for SRS regional leadership. Identified regional training needs and develop trainings in identified areas, using instructional design and the principals of andragogy. Trained social workers in the region on agency policies, practices, and systems.

1/2005- 4/2005
5/2005-10/2006

**SOCIAL WORK INTERN
SOCIAL WORK SPECIALIST**

State of Kansas, Division of Children and Family Services
Newton, KS and Kansas City Metro Region
Investigated reports of child abuse and neglect received by the State of Kansas and complete and prepare written assessments of the allegations within established timelines. Completed family based assessments and provided short-term services to families. Worked with law enforcement, court systems, and community partners to ensure child safety.

Fall 2004

SOCIAL WORK INTERN

Midland Mediation/Kansas Legal Services
Wichita, KS
Observed mediations involving lawyers, foster care service providers, and families with children removed from the home or families going through divorce/custody proceedings to resolve custody and visitation issues. Followed up with lawyers, clients, courts, and child welfare service providers regarding the mediation outcome for the cases. Completed monthly report tracking the outcome of mediation cases.

Spring 2003

SOCIAL WORK INTERN

Sasha Bruce House
Washington, DC
Helped facilitate after-school program for former residents of the Sasha Bruce House, a facility for homeless and runaway teenagers. Followed up with clients on my caseload and provided them with family and/or individual counseling, if needed.

5/2002-4/2004

ATTENDENT CARE WORKER

Prairie View Mental Health Services
Newton, KS
Facilitated psychosocial groups for children in the after-school program and summer camp. Conducted one-on-one appointments with clients to work on life skills, socially appropriate behaviors, and personal goals.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2013- (current)

GRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANT

University of Maryland School of Social Work
Baltimore, Maryland
Assessing the Baltimore Community Foundation Neighborhood Initiative
Principal Investigators: Amy Cohen-Callow, Ph.D., Karen Hopkins, Ph.D., Megan Meyer, Ph.D.
Coordinate and conduct focus groups and interviews within two targeted neighborhoods in Baltimore. Assist in data collection, cleaning, and analysis.

2013-(current)

GRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANT

University of Maryland School of Social Work
Baltimore, Maryland

Process and Outcome Evaluation of ReServe: Evaluating the impact of older adult volunteers on organizational capacity

Principal Investigator: Amy Cohen-Callow, Ph.D.

Conduct extensive literature review, design a mixed-methods research study, and develop quantitative survey and qualitative interview guide. Collect, manage, and analyze quantitative and qualitative data.

Fall 2013

GRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANT

University of Maryland School of Social Work
Baltimore, Maryland

Child Welfare Training Academy, test analysis

Program Director: Leslie Rozeff

Prepared and formatted data for analysis. Worked with program staff to document test history and create data key.

2011-2012

RESEARCH COORDINATOR

The University of Texas
Austin, TX

Approaches to Bolstering Workforce Diversity in Texas Health and Human Services Agencies: An online content analysis

Primary Investigator: Dr. Dnika Travis

Served as lead researcher, under the direction of Dr. Dnika Travis, on a grant-funded policy project through the Institute for Urban Policy and Research Analysis. Collected and analyzed project data. Managed a graduate student worker providing research assistance.

2012-2013

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

LIVESTRONG Foundation
Austin, TX

Cancer Navigation Services: The role of LIVESTRONG Navigation in distress and self-efficacy of people effected by cancer

Conducted qualitative interviews and collection and formatting of administrative data. Trained program staff on protocol adherence and worked through research design issues identified by service staff.

2004-2005

UNDERGRADUTE RESEARCH SEMINAR

Bethel, KS
North Newton, KS

Are Social Workers Actively Pursing Social Change?: A study of Social Workers in the State of Kansas

Designed, conducted, and presented original research. Completed statistical analysis and final report as a requirement of graduation.

PUBLICATIONS

Manuscripts in Preparation for Peer Reviewed Journals

Smith Goering, E. Hendrick, E., Eargle, E., Reich, R., & Sileo, M. (under review). *What is Most Helpful in the Cancer Journey?: Perspectives from Survivors*

Travis, D., Smith Goering, E., & Lengnick-Hall, R. (in preparation). *Trends and Triumphs: Approaches to Bolstering Workforce Diversity in Texas Health and Human Services Agency*

AWARDS

Research to Practice Institute Awardee, Network for Social Work Management, 2014
Best 'Fast Pitch' Award- R.I.S.E. Global University Entrepreneurship Competition, 2011
Dell Social Innovation Competition Semi-Finalist, 2011
John F. Yeaman Scholarship in Community and Administrative Leadership, 2009-2010
Thresher Academic Merit Scholarship, 2001-2005
Child Welfare Title IV-E Scholarship, 2003-2005

PROFESSIONAL/UNIVERSITY SERVICE

University of Maryland, Baltimore Presidents Fellow (2014-2015 academic year)
Deputy Volunteer Coordinator, Society for Social Work and Research Conference (2014)
Volunteer Coordinator, Texas School Social Worker Conference (2011)
Co-President of Bethel College Social Work Organization (2004-2005 academic year)

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Volunteer, Court Appointed Special Advocate, Washington, DC (2013 – present)
Board Member, Mennonite Central Committee, East Coast (2013-present)
Fundraiser, Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (2013)
Board Member, Mennonite Voluntary Service, Washington DC Unit (2012-present)
Board Member-Chair of Local Partnerships, Net Impact, Washington DC Chapter (2012-2013)
Hospital Advocate, Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault, Kansas City (2008-2009)
Volunteer Coordinator, Mennonite Voluntary Service, Kansas City (2007-2009)
Reading Tutor/Volunteer Leader, Discovering Opportunities for Outreach and Reflection (2004)

MEMBERSHIP

Association for Community Organization and Social Administration
National Association of Social Workers
Net Impact
Network for Social Work Management



COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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May 20, 2019

Ms. Emily Smith Goering
518 Oklahoma Avenue, N.E.
Washington, DC 20002

Dear Ms. Goering:

Congratulations on your nomination for reappointment as a member of the Citizen Review Panel ("Panel"). As you know, the nomination is subject to confirmation by the Council. The Committee of the Whole has scheduled a public roundtable on your nomination for **Thursday, May 23, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in Hearing Room 120**. Enclosed is a copy of the roundtable notice. It is standard for the Council to submit questions to nominees. I request your response to the following questions no later than close of business Tuesday, May 21, 2019.

1. Please provide a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement you filed with the Office of Campaign Finance or the Board of Ethics and Government Accountability. If you have not filed a Financial Disclosure Statement, please provide answers to questions 2-8 in lieu of that statement.
2. Please provide the name of each business entity transacting any business with the District Government in which you have a beneficial interest valued in excess of \$5,000, including publicly traded stock.
3. Please provide the name of each business entity transacting any business (including consulting) with the District Government from which you or your immediate family have received (or are receiving) income for services rendered in excess of \$1,000 during the past two years.
4. Please provide the name of each business entity transacting business with the District Government in which you or any member of your immediate family serves as an officer, director, partner, or agent. Also list the position(s) held, a brief description of the entity, and any other pertinent details.
5. Please provide the name of any lender and the amount of liability for each outstanding liability borrowed by you or any member of your immediate family in excess of \$5,000. Do not include loans from a federal or state insured or regulated financial institution, or from any business enterprise regularly engaged in the business of providing revolving credit or installment accounts.
6. Please list the location of all real property located in the District of Columbia in which you have an interest with a fair market value in excess of \$5,000.
7. Please list all professional and occupational licenses held by you.
8. Please list any professional organizations of which you are currently a member.

9. Please list all boards and commissions connected with the District government on which you are or have been a member, and include the term of service for each.
10. Please list any other boards (e.g. Boards of Directors of a non-profit) on which you are a member.
11. Do you have any outstanding liability for taxes, fees, or other payments to the District, federal, or other state or local governments, either contested or uncontested? If so, please provide documentation of attempts to pay the amount owed or to resolve the disputed claim.
12. Do you or any member of your immediate family have any interest, financial or otherwise, that may directly or indirectly pose a conflict of interest for you in performance of your duties as a member of the Panel?
13. Please describe any local political activity (i.e. the District of Columbia local elections or campaigns) that you have engaged in over the past five years, including any campaign contributions to a local candidate or political action committee.
14. Are you registered with any local, state, or federal government to lobby? If so, list the jurisdiction(s) in which you are registered.
15. What are your observations about, and current priorities for service on, the Panel?

At the May 23rd roundtable, you will be asked to make an opening statement indicating your interest in serving another term as a member of the Panel. The testimony of persons interested in supporting your nomination is helpful but not necessary. Interested parties may call the Committee office to register to testify (724-8196) or, alternatively, may submit written comments to the Committee regarding your nomination via letter mail or e-mail (COW@dccouncil.us).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me or Peter Johnson on my staff at (202) 724-8083.

Sincerely,



Phil Mendelson
Chairman

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PM/pj

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6. Please list the location of all real property located in the District of Columbia in which you have an interest with a fair market value in excess of \$5,000. *My personal home: 518 Oklahoma Ave. NE, Washington DC, 20002*
7. Please list all professional and occupational licenses held by you. *None*

8. Please list any professional organizations of which you are currently a member. ***Society for Social Work Researchers***
9. Please list all boards and commissions connected with the District government on which you are or have been a member, and include the term of service for each. ***Citizen Review Panel for Child Abuse and Neglect.***
10. Please list any other boards (e.g. Boards of Directors of a non-profit) on which you are a member. ***Mennonite Central Committee-East Coast, Board Treasurer.***
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13. Please describe any local political activity (i.e. the District of Columbia local elections or campaigns) that you have engaged in over the past five years, including any campaign contributions to a local candidate or political action committee. ***None***
14. Are you registered with any local, state, or federal government to lobby? If so, list the jurisdiction(s) in which you are registered. ***None***
15. What are your observations about, and current priorities for service on, the Panel? ***Citizen Review Panels are critical entities designed to provide outside, citizen-led accountability and oversight of local child welfare agencies. During the time I have been involved on the CRP (over 4 years) panel has struggled to maintain consistent leadership and membership. MOTA and Council have struggled to make timely appointments of membership and the panel has often gone long periods of time with only partial fulfillment of positions, including key chair and vice chair roles. Despite this low capacity the panel has continue achieve some of its goals. I have been involved in the CRP In-Home Services Work Group, a group committed to assessing the quality of services provided to 'In-Home' families. This population is a priority for the panel as these families constitute around 60% of CFSA clients and are some of the highest risk families served by the agency. In addition, building the capacity of leadership and increasing membership on the panel is a priority in order to be able to review other important elements of CFSA, such as foster care and intake programs. We cannot just be focused on improvements in CFSA 'numbers' we must also assess the quality of services being provided to families and children. Through CRP we have the opportunity to provide this type of accountability.***

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me or Peter Johnson on my staff at (202) 724-8083.

Emily Smith Goering
Citizen Review Panel

May 20, 2019
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Sincerely,

Phil Mendelson
Chairman

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1 **DRAFT COMMITTEE PRINT**
2 Committee of the Whole
3 June 4, 2019
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